Random gas guzzling puzzling

If you've noticed a sudden drop in your gas mileage lately, you're not alone. Someone is siphoning gas from gas tanks of cars in college parking lots.

Two students have reported the disappearance of gas and Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, is looking into it.

"They feel that it's happened at least twice a piece," she said. "One of them said she had filled her tank the day before yesterday before coming to school, and when she went out to her car, she had half a tank."

Ms. Maidens has checked both cars and ruled out gas leaks. She said something underhanded is going on in the open. "If you look like you know what you're doing, nobody will even know that you're there."

By informing students and facility of this latest campus parking caper, she hopes that "people will hopefully be more cautious and pay more attention."

SAC needs vice-president

The Student Administrative Council needs a vice-president of internal affairs.

The former vice-president, Jim Acsai, left the college three weeks ago. SAC received 19 nominations by last Friday and is selecting the most likely candidates for the position.

Because of the poor voter response at the last election, the new internal affairs vice-president will be appointed by SAC, not elected by the student body.

"It's just a lot easier this way, Cory Abt, SAC president said.

The duties of the internal affairs vice-president are extensive, and generally centre on SAC's public relations and goodwill with the college, Donna Flutur, office manager said. He is a liaison between SAC and the college administration, and makes certain that lines of communication are constantly open with the student body. Anyone wishing to put up posters, signs or advertisements must first clear it with the internal vice-president.

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Open House

Kim Wark, left, a Grade 13 student from Lakeport High School; Kellie Green, a Grade 12 student from Denis Morris High School, and Jim Heywood, head of guidance from South Lincoln High School assist Tom Langley-Smith, foreground, and Rae Simpell in a demonstration of the Ambulance and Emergency Care Program. For story and additional pictures, see page 5.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Ground broken for new student centre

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited student centre was held last Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Under a makeshift tent due to the rain, college president John Saso, Student Adminstrative Council president Cory Abt and Mary Seppala, chairperson of the Board of Governors turned the sod.

Among the dignitaries present were representatives of Niagara College's administration, members of SAC and Richard Baker, the architect.

"Everyone's excited that this thing will be finished before the school year is over," SAC president Cory Abt said. "Its time has definitely come."

Randy Conlon, a former SAC member, also attended the sodturning. As SAC president for the 1988-89 year, the student centre was his pet project.

"I'm glad to see that it is finally getting off the ground," Randy said. "Two years ago I worked really hard for funding for it. If nothing else, it was a learning experience."

After 25 years of planning and fundraising, the centre is expected to be completed by spring of 1991.

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Twenty-nine bus loads of area high school students get a view of a Niagara College future. See page 5

Sports

Niagara blasts Buffalo on the ice. Knights bring home the bronze in touch football finals. See page 10.

Birds

The added attraction of Peruvian Hummingbirds keeps Niagara Parks abuzz. See page 12.

Parking woes to end as 200 spaces planned

More parking is on the way!

"I'm trying to get some temporary parking," Ron Haughton, Welland campus director of property and plant services, said. "I'm going to put up some posts on the grass and put down gravel so you can get in and out.

One lot will be an extension of lot G. The other will be located north of the Black Walnut Building where people have been parking on the grass.

"We've tried to pick up where people are parking," Mr. Haughton said.

The new lots, which should create 200 new spaces, will be ready for use as soon as the weather allows work to be done.

Bridge work slows traffic

Repairs to bridges from Wellandvale Road to the St. Catharines campus continue to disrupt access for students and faculty.

The smaller bridge, off Martindale Road, is now being repaired. Work is slated to end in November, Yvonne Michaud, director of plant and property, said.

The larger of the two bridges, from Wellandvale Avenue, was closed in August when tests showed it to be too old. The repairs were completed early in October.

Both of the bridges are owned by Ontario Hydro.

To the polls

Board of Governors will welcome two more

An election for one Niagara College student and one support staff member to the Board of Governors will be held Nov. 29.

The student will take office Jan. 1 and serve to Aug. 31, 1991. The support staff member will serve from Jan. 1, 1991, to Aug. 31, 1993.

Nominations require two seconders and take place Nov. 1-4.

All full and part-time students and adult training students, enrolled as of Nov. 1, and support staff employed as of Nov. 1, are eligible to vote.

Ballots will be cast Nov. 29 between 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the Welland campus: co-op and placement, Tecumseh Centre extension, and rooms ME-103, M-7, S-210-C, H-21 and H-3; the Hospitality and Tourism Centre; Mount Carmel; the Horticultural Centre; the Mack Nursing Education Centre and St. Catharines campus.

Campaigning will run Nov. 15-28. Ballots will be counted Nov. 30.

CONFIDENTIAL

To keep votes confidential, two ballot envelopes will be used — one inside the other. The names on the voter list will be matched with names on the outer return envelopes to make sure there is only one vote per elector. The second envelope, containing the vote, will be returned to the ballot box.

Names must be on the voter's list by Nov. 21 to vote. Voter's lists may be checked at all campuses Nov. 16-21.

Students may pick up a ballot package Nov. 29. Support staff ballot packages will be mailed internally.

Advance polls are open on Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Welland, Niagara Falls and the Mack Nursing Centre.

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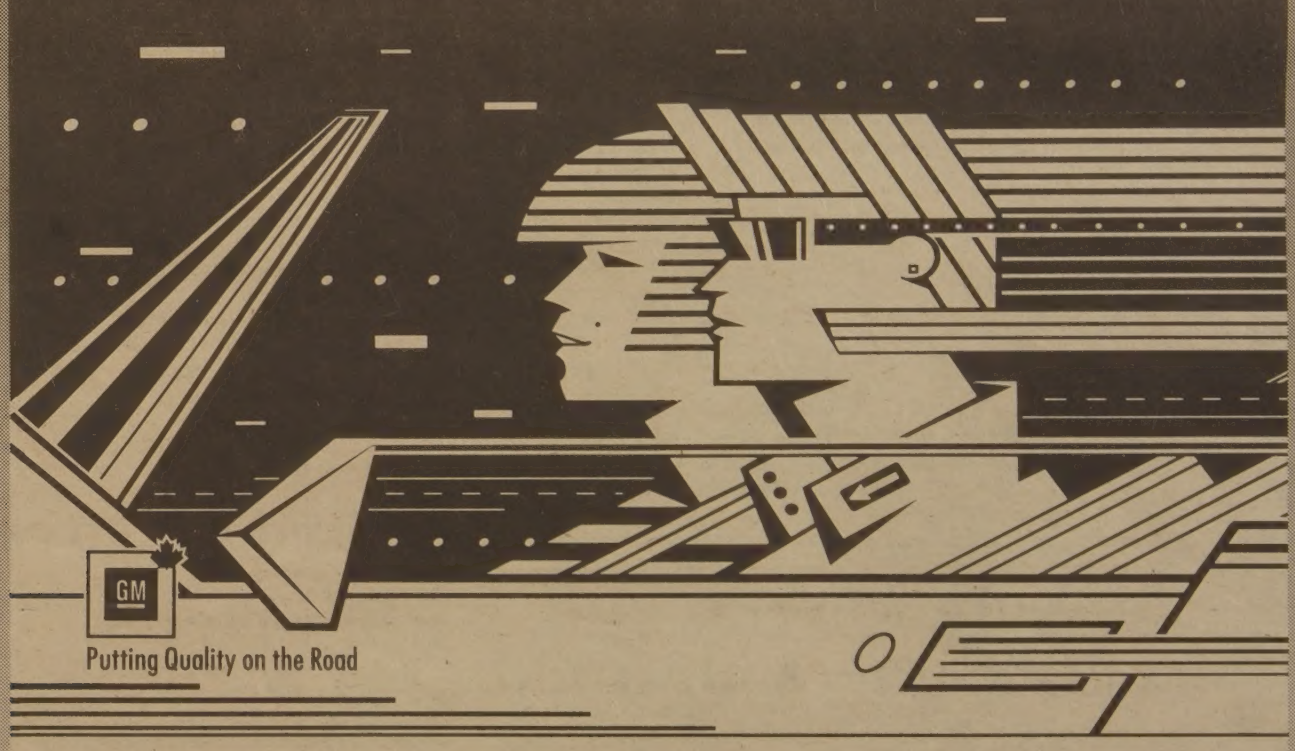

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College president, John Saso, cuts the ceremonial cake on Oct. 18 at the official opening of the new Centre for Language Studies, an adjunct of the English Department. At left, Gaylene Levesque, ESL instructor looks on with three of her overseas students who are part of the first program offered by the new centre.
Photo by Catherine Denison

Newly-formed english program given auspicious beginning

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

An enthusiastic sense of an auspicious beginning permeated the hallways of the department of English and articulation at the official opening on Oct. 18 of the Centre for Language Studies.

John Saso, college president, members of the English faculty and eight overseas students gathered around a large cake decorated with the blue and white college colors.

The students are part of the first program offered by the Centre for Language Studies, a full-time English as a Second Language Program.

"Niagara College has the reputation for one of the strongest English departments in the Ontario college system," said Dennis Malone, Director of English and Articulation.

The new centre will promote a more effective and correct usage of the English language across the curriculum and will custom design courses for business and industry in conjunction with Continuing Education and Contract Services, he said.

The English department has developed a number of new English electives.

"We hope they are unique and will meet the special education needs of students," said Mr. Malone.

In addition to addressing the difficulties of special needs students, the centre will develop and deliver a variety of programs for international students, he said.

"We hope they are going to enhance the reputation of Niagara College in the peninsula, the province and overseas."

Mr. Saso said,"I am proud of the people in the English department for the initiative they have taken... and I am delighted this is taking place."

Mr. Saso encouraged international students to apply for the new scholarship fund established by the English department to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the college. One international student will be sponsored in a three-year program, beginning in September, 1991.

"We are hoping for an over demand (in applications)," he said. Gaylene Levesque, instructor of the first full-time ESL program offered at the Welland campus, said "The support I have received has energized me."

The first full-time program is made up of nine students from six different countries.

Pumpkin carvers to compete Oct. 31

The Student Administrative Council will hold its semi-annual pumpkin carving contest at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the cafeteria.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Prizes are $50 for first place; $25 for second place and two pub tickets for third.

Entries will be judged on creativity and originality. The pumpkins are to be carved beforehand; contestants must supply their own pumpkin.

Radio students do field trip in style

For radio instructor Cliff Elford and the students who run the College's closed-circuit radio station, school life is hard work and practical experience — not to mention the occasional limousine ride to tour a big-time radio station.

The third year Broadcasting-Radio and Television students toured radio station CHML/CKDS on Oct. 17, travelling there in $800 worth of limousine services traded for advertising on CRNC. The tour was a complete surprise to the students, who expected the usual classes for that day.

"They were knocked out," Mr. Elford said. "I had trouble getting them into the limos at first because they didn't believe me...I have kind of a reputation as a practical joker."

Larry Taylor, program co-ordinator of Broadcasting-Radio and Television, said the most difficult part of the tour was not spoiling the surprise ahead of time.

Mr. Elford said the tour and limousine ride were his way of "throwing them a curve so they'll learn something and have fun at the same time."

Number of permit thefts questioned

The actual number of stolen or lost parking permits last year was 64.

An anonymous letter to the editor called into question a story that said the number was in the hundreds.

In the article, Ron Haughton, director of property and plant services, said, "I have trouble believing that 150 to 200 parking permits were lost last year." He was speaking of a group of students who were taking advantage of the then $2 permit replacement fee and getting extra permits for a fraction of the regular cost.

"We just guessed at it," he said. To find the actual statistics he searched through 8,000 permit forms.

The letter, signed Concerned, is just one of many that have been written about the school's parking situation. "Some have written me directly," Mr. Haughton said. He considered the unsigned letter " a laughable response" as he sees his department as always trying to "meet people halfway" and deal with these problems fairly.

"A lot of people in the organization...object to the whole principle of paid parking." He said letters are attempts to "find a salient point in order to cause me embarrassment or the organization embarrassment."

DROP COURSES

Post-secondary day students considering dropping courses of study for the fall term should do so by Nov. 5, 1990, to avoid an academic penalty, the registrar's office said.

Increase in women smokers causes concern

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

Look at the cigarette butts on the ground outside. Notice a large number with lipstick on them?

A survey at the college revealed most students using the areas beyond the doorways to smoke are women. On several different occasions, there were twice as many women smoking as men.

Statistics Canada said 38 per cent of women in the 20 to 24 age group are smokers. This percentage has brought about a tremendous increase in health problems for women. Of the 30,000 women who die annually from smoke-related health problems, 11,400 women are in the 20 to 24 age group.

"Lung cancer is on the increase with women," Sharon Lottridge, executive director of the Lung Association's Welland branch, said.

NUMBER ONE

In 1987, Health and Welfare Canada reported that lung cancer had become the number one killer of women, far surpassing the number of deaths from breast cancer. From 1969 to 1983 a 152 per cent increase in lung cancer causing death in women was reported by Health and Welfare Canada.

"Smoking affects women the same as men," Mrs. Lottridge said. Lung cancer, heart disease and other health problems are shared equally among the men and women who make up the one-third of Canadians who smoke.

A recent study by the World Health Organization reported that women in Nova Scotia smoke more cigarettes than women in different countries.

WOMEN'S LIB BLAMED

Mrs. Lottridge attributed the increased smoking by women to women's lib and the fact that only a few years ago smoking among women was frowned upon. The advertising that has shifted to attract younger women is another factor that has caused the increase in smoking and in numbers.

Women are predominant in the college smoking areas. A brochure by the Lung Association reported that female students who smoke lose almost twice as many school days as non-smokers.

Pregnant female smokers run the risk of harming their unborn children. The Lung Association offers a brochure that explains the effects on the unborn child when the mother smokes, including a spontaneous abortion, a premature delivery, an undersized baby and numerous other physical defects to the unborn child.

"The problem with smoking is that it is the largest preventable cause of death," Mrs. Lottridge said. "Unfortunately, you don't know you have it (cancer) until you're in a crisis situation.

Many facts and figures about the health risks involved in smoking are available, but the decision to quit must be made by the smoker — male or female, she said.

Editorials

Insufficient funds
School spirit broken

Niagara College seems to be buzzing with activities; a massive line-up to get into the gym last Thursday bears evidence. But there are still many students who bemoan the apathetic situation.

Individuals should realize life is only what one makes it. It is reciprocal and ought to be treated as any account held with a bank. If one doesn't make deposits one's cheques are returned saying, "Insufficient Funds."

Is the problem you, students? Is it your lack of motivation? If you believe in something then go after it. If it is not readily available, make it happen. It must be remembered that necessity is the mother of invention.

Don't be prophets of doom and sit back waiting for the worst to come. Get up. Go out. Make something happen. Take the risk of failing. Be content knowing that you have tried. It is too easy to echo the now familiar "This place sucks." It's a cop out. It's a coward's alternative.

It's time to wake up. Let's face it.

Neville Lewis

Solutions needed
Student voices silent

The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary defines revolution as "an instance of great change in affairs or in some paticular thing."

Revolution is synonymous with violent battles, guerrilla warfare and something hippies yell about. It is the means to cause a disruption in the status-quo. If a change is to be made, revolution is the method.

At Niagara College, such revolution is nowhere to be found; only grumblings and half-hearted protests about what Niagara is lacking and a few suggestions about what can be done. If you see a problem with the adminstration, instructors or the curriculum, if you have a gripe with the lack of school spirit, the existence of widespread apathy and the poor reputation of the school itself, do something about it. One way is to make your opinions known.

Use Niagara's media to its fullest extent — it is yours to use. Write letters to the editor, contact the campus radio station, talk to student council. Let your voice be heard. Instead of whining, do something. Niagara is your school and you have the power to change it. To not act on your complaints would be to render them sterile, ineffective and useless. It is all too easy to pass off problems as irreparable, and to say, "Who cares? I'll be gone next year anyway."

For those who do care, the onus is on you to act.

David Rempel

Fall back
Sleep an extra hour

Spring ahead, fall back.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends.

Remember to return to Standard Time by setting clocks back one hour.

In the days when candles were short and nights were long, Benjamin Franklin came up with a plan to avoid wasting daylight and save on candles.

But credit for daylight saving time was given to Englishman William Willett, who campaigned to adopt a definite plan for saving daylight.

Several bills for changing the clocks were rejected from 1908-1916 by the British government.

In May 1916, a year after Mr. Willett's death, a daylight saving system was adopted in Britain.

However, Germany became the first nation to use a daylight saving system in 1915 in order to conserve fuel and power.

Daylight saving time in Canada has been on again and off again since 1918.

The Daylight Saving Time Act of 1918 lapsed at the end of that year. An Order-in-Council, Sept. 20, 1940, extended daylight saving time in Ontario and Quebec.

Another Order-in-Council passed on Jan. 26, 1942, allowed daylight saving time for all purposes in Canada. This order remained in force until it was recommended by the secretary of state that an order be passed to revoke daylight saving time as of 2 a.m. Sept. 30, 1945.

Each province now has legislation controlling its adoption or rejection of daylight saving time. Saskatchewan is the only province to legislate use of standard time year round.

Bonfires ward off evil
on All Hallow's Even

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Halloween is an ancient tradition that originated more than 200 years ago with the Celts — people from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France. Halloween, as we know it today, has evolved from a combination of three religious customs.

VIGIL OF SAMHAIN

The Celts picked the end of October to honor and remember their dead as this was the season when the vegetation died and fallen leaves left the trees barren. Samhain means summer's end, and Samhain was the Lord of the Dead.

Fall was the time when days became shorter and the sun god suffered a loss of power giving greater power to evil forces.

The Celt's priests, the Druids, lit huge bonfires to ward off the evil spirits and declared Oct. 31 the Vigil of Samhain.

This was the night when the Lord of the Dead controlled the spirits of the dead.

On the night of Oct. 31, Samhain assembled the souls of those who had died the previous year. To pay for their sins, the dead souls were put into the bodies of animals. The more sins the person had committed, the lower the animal they inhabited. This created all sorts of spirits, goblins and fairies.

The villagers dressed up in the skins and heads of dead animals, hoping to trick the evil spirits into believing they were one of them.

POMONA DAY

In Rome, the goddess Pomona, mistress of fruits and trees, was honored with gifts of fruit and nuts to thank her for the good harvest. This was one origin of the custom of giving food on Oct. 31.

Hallow is an Old English word which means a saint or something holy. Christians chose Nov. 1 to honor the holy people who had died. They called it All Hallow's Day and the night before was called All Hallow's Even.

People believed that on Oct. 31, the good souls came back to warm themselves by the fire and to enjoy the food put out by their kinfolk, while the wicked souls harassed people with tricks and pranks.

Today, instead of the "raging rout" of ancient evil spirits on All Hallow's Even, it is the raging voices of children yelling, "Trick or treat!"

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Canadians squash vegetable idea

Fruit or vegetable? Vegetable or dessert?

In Europe the pumpkin is served as a vegetable, but in Canada it is served as a dessert.

The pumpkin is thought to have originated in North America. Seeds from related squash plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000-5500 B.C.

Ever since the Algonquin Indians cultivated the pumpkin, it has had many uses.

Indians and early settlers depended on the pumpkin to get them through long, cold winters. Besides corn, pumpkin was the most eaten food. The shell was used as a container and seeds pressed for oil.

Today, farmers use pumpkins for livestock feed; the inside of the pumpkin is used in pies; the seeds are baked and eaten as a snack and the pumpkin is hollowed out and carved for a jack-o-latern at Halloween.

Pumpkin pulp contains Vitamin C and potassium and pumpkin seeds are rich in protein and iron.

A mature, four-month-old pumpkin usually weighs 15-30 pounds, but can grow up to 300 pounds.

The pumpkin vine carries both male and female flowers. Most blossoms are male which means few flowers produce pumpkins. The female flower opens for pollination for one day only.

Focus on Open House

Fall Open House a learning experience for all

Darlene Brown, left, a Field Placement Officer from Early Childhood Education, talks to Jennifer Murr and Liz Prescott, Grade 12 students from Listowell High School, about the E.C.E. program. Photo by Dave Johnson

Melissa Yaromich, a student from Beamsville High School, has her blood pressure taken by Barb Bousfield, a second-year nursing student at Niagara College. Photo by Dave Johnson

Third-year Information Systems students, Cor- McQuillen talk to Melissa Burgess, a Grade 12 stu- een Drenth, left, Sherry O'Brien and Brian dent from Beamsville, about the program. Photo by Dave Johnson

High school students invade college

High School students from all areas of the Niagara region came to Welland to learn more about the college and its programs at the Open House Wednesday.

Twenty-nine busloads of students and 50 counsellors from the high schools visited different program areas which offered question-and-answer sessions, presentations, tours, displays, demonstrations, videos and working labs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

First and second-year human relations students, easily recognized in their white hats, greeted the high school students and assisted them in finding the classrooms and buildings.

Although the fall Open House was aimed mainly at high school students, many mature students and adults came to the college to learn more about continuing education programs.

The high school students thought the Open House was an opportunity to get to know the college, learn about programs of interest and shed some light on future career decisions.

CONFUSING

The student visitors said they thought the college was very confusing and overwhelming. "Coming to the college was confusing because I was unfamiliar with the parking and the surroundings," Michelle Spiotte, Grade 12 student from St. Paul High School, said.

Programs offered at the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls campuses were represented at the Open House. "It was difficult to bring all the equipment up to the Welland campus," John Peacock, hotel and restaurant administration, Niagara Falls, said.

Mary Bocchinfuso, program assistant tending the social service worker booth, said, "Students were interested in learning about the lengths of the program, how to apply and the areas of employment."

"The teachers at the college have been very helpful and answered the questions that I asked them," Allan Kettle, Grade 12 student from Westbrook High School, said.

Letter to Editor

Tony Knowles remembers friends and colleagues

To all my friends and colleagues at Niagara College.

On behalf of Judy and myself, I would like to say thank you very much again for all your expressions of best wishes as I move on to Red River Community College in Winnipeg. Many of you were at the social function on October 17, 1990 and one could not ask for a more pleasant gathering to send us on our way. I will always remember the many friendships as I use the new briefcase that is designed to hold even more homework!

Best wishes to all of you as you pursue new challenges.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tony Knowles,
Vice-President, Academic.

Bird blamed for blackout, college billed

A starling, perched on a hydro wire at St. Catharines campus, knocked out power and phone systems for 1½ hours Wednesday.

The power outage, from 11:30 a.m. to about 1 p.m. was due to a blown fuse. Doug Matthews, supervisor of operations, said.

St. Catharines Hydro was called to repair the damage. The campus was not closed.

The college will be billed for the repairs, Mr. Matthews said.

Ooops

The last edition of the Niagara News (Vol 21, No. 2, Oct. 12, 1990) carried an article on a blood pressure clinic. The article referred to Para-Med assisting with the clinic. Para-Med is a home health care service. It provides homemakers and in-home nursing.

Dinners at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre are served Tuesday to Thursday at 7 p.m. and not as previously reported in the Niagara News Vol. 21, No. 2 on page 12. Reservations may be made by contacting Beverley Williams at 374-7454 ext. 602.

The Niagara News apologizes for any misunderstanding.

Parliament Hill welcomed 41 Co-operative Education students and six faculty with open arms on Oct.17.

Photo by Lorraine Gibbs

Federal government wants co-op students

Co-op students and co-op graduates of business and technical programs are in demand by the federal government because of the excellent reputation of Niagara College, Rosemary Cawthorne, manager of Co-operative Education and Career Services, said.

To meet that demand, about 41 students from Niagara College, accompanied by six teaching and co-op staff, were in Ottawa from Oct. 17-19 to research jobs with the federal government through the Recruitment Operations Division of the Public Service Commission.

"This is the first time we have done this," Mrs. Cawthorne said.

Niagara College paid the transportation costs for the return trip to Ottawa.

There are a number of co-op graduates from Niagara College who have successful careers with the federal government. Some agreed to meet the students at the bus and two gave formal presentations.

The students had a full agenda on their "working holiday." They met with government officials from the Department of Transport and Supply and Services.

When the students return, they have an opportunity to work in Ottawa from January to April or from April to September 1991, Mrs. Cawthorne said.

Even if some choose not to continue with the federal government after their work placements, the experience on their resumes acts as a springboard for job opportunities, she said.

Trick or treat

Trick or treat originated in Ireland hundreds of years ago when farmers went begging for food for their fall festivities.

After the fall harvesting, the village farmers went from house to house asking for food.

Good luck was bestowed on generous donors, and threats of ill fortune made to those who would not give.

New job opportunities await eager students

There is a wide variety of job opportunities in all programs offered at Niagara College said Janet Forfar, the new Career Services Officer.

"I hate to see job opportunities go unanswered," Mrs. Forfar said.

When employers contact Career Services,they want resumes forwarded within one week, she said. If there are no resumes on file for that particular job, employers will look elsewehere.

"If the employer has phoned Niagara College he or she is predisposed to a Niagara College student," Mrs. Forfar said. It is important that students register with Career Services, she said.

Registration take place in February and will be well advertised. Meanwhile, students should be preparing for a challenging job search due to the recession, Mrs. Forfar said. They should be networking, making personal contacts and watching the newspapers to know what positions are out there and what skills are required.

Due to the recession, it is important students be more open-minded about re-locating, Mrs. Forfar said.

Career Services personnel can assist students with their job search in several ways including help with job search techniques and resumes. They arrange career fairs throughout the year.

On Nov. 5, a career fair will be held at the Hospitality Centre for the Hospitality and Tourism programs.

The Mack Nursing Education Centre will host a career fair on Dec. 7 for all health care programs and in February, one will be held for all college programs. All of these will be well advertises in the Niagara News.

Employers are invited to set up booths at the fairs. Some give out information. Others accept resumes. Students have made good contacts and some have obtained jobs through the fairs.

When students register with Career Services in February, they are asked if they wish to sign a blanket release form which entitles them to have their resumes forwarded to employers six months after they graduate, Mrs. Forfar said.

"The service we offer is free," she said. "I would like to see all of the students take advantage of it."

Part-time jobs are now being advertised on the board immediately outside the doors of Career Services. Students can register for part-time jobs in February.

All job opportunities are forwarded to the co-ordinators of the programs to post in their areas.

"We would like to see our services used more ... Not many community colleges offer what we do," Mrs. Forfar said.

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National Co-op Education Week promotes tomorrow's excellence

Education Today for Excellence Tomorrow is the theme for the first National Co-operative Education Week being held coast to coast across Canada between Nov. 4-10.

It is sponsored by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education, a national association for college and university co-op educators.

The purpose of this week is to recognize that co-operative education is an effective educational strategy, Rosemary Cawthorne, manager of Co-operative Education and Career Services, said.

Mrs. Cawthorne and members of her department have planned a number of events to highlight the benefits of co-operative education, including a booth at the opening in Ottawa Nov. 1 and 2.

To start, there will be a Hospitality and Tourism Career Fair on Nov. 5 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Niagara Falls campus. Employers have been invited to set up booths. Some will give out information and others will accept resumes from students.

"Provincially, the CCEO (Canadian Co-operative Education Organization) is trying to promote a co-op linkage with high schools," Mrs. Cawthorne said.

Niagara College and the Lincoln County Board of Education will sponsor a Wine and Cheese Reception Nov. 6 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Tecumseh Lounge, Welland Campus, to share information and explore co-op linkages.

On Nov. 7, Waterloo University and Niagara College will make a presentation to 700 students at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne.

To establish co-op linkage with a secondary school, two co-op students from Confederation High School will spend a semester of afternoons in the Student Services Offices to gain work experience.

DISNEY HERE

Disney World representatives will be coming to Niagara College Nov. 8 to interview students at the Niagara Falls campus.

"In the last 10 years in Canada, the number of post-secondary institutions participating in co-operative education has exploded," Mrs. Cawthorne said.

Niagara College has 18 co-op programs with 900 students involved in co-op education.

An instrument of torture?

The anthropology department at Niagara College has acquired a new high tech measuring device — a cephalometer. It is used to determine the size of the human head. In Mr. Maltais' Mysteries of the Mayas class the students had a chance to measure each other's heads. John Bacik sits patiently as Jennifer Bartkiw wields the cephalometer.

Photo by Richard Douglas

Nursing assistant students receive bands at banquet

The part-time nursing assistant students held their banding banquet Oct. 12.

The students started their course in 1988. After 2 ½ years of evening classes, they will be eligible to write their registration exams Oct. 26.

"They really earned their graduation diplomas," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

The class was mainly older women who worked during the day. They did their clinical work on alternate weekends and attended classes one or two evenings per week, Miss Cunningham said.

Thirty-five students received their bands.

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Pumpkinsaurus Rex?

The mighty pumpkinsaurus stares down a photographer at a remote farm in Fonthill, threatening to swallow him whole. Of course, he would only serve to whet the appetite of the horrible beast, who calmly awaits the main course: children on Hallowe'en.

Photo by David Rempel

Bewitching wise women

The word witch comes from the Old English word wicce which means a wise woman. Many years ago people respected witches for their advice and healing powers.

But when Chritianity outlawed witchcraft during the Middle Ages, witchcraft emerged as an organized cult that opposed the Roman Catholic Church.

It was said that on Oct. 31, the night before Christians honored their holy on All Hallow's Day, the witches would mock the Church's festivities by performing acts of magic and trickery.

Halloween was first known as the Night of the Witches; the night when the devil and all of his followers gathered.

The witches met secretly at night in forests, wearing black clothing so they wouldn't be seen.

At meetings they often danced, leaping over fires on their broomsticks — which was how the idea of a witch flying on a magic broomstick was started.

Witches had familiars, or pet animals, that were usually black cats and considered demons who brought bad luck.

Fashion arts show: 'Express yourself'

Bold, Vogue, Express Yourself, Like a Prayer — it certainly sounds like a Madonna party but the sultry songstress of pop fame was not around when two Niagara College fashion arts students lured busy shoppers to the party at the Seaway mall's centre court.

Kim Lane and Paul Fortier, two second-year students, were "causing a commotion" with their production of Vogue '90. The fashion show which was held recently was put on in conjunction with the mall's merchants' association and highlighted the latest fashion trends available at the Welland mall.

Daring to be bold as well as titilatingly exciting with a tinge of mirth, the Secrets models were assuredly "into the groove;" the frivolity and innocent guile of their youth could not be undermined. Vogue '90 could have been a film clip of the pop star's earlier hit single, Like a Virgin. The theme was definitely Mary Ciccone — or Madonna as she is best known to the world.

LEATHER APPAREL

From leather apparel provided by A.M. Leather, the casual clothing of Thrifty's, Campus Crew, High River, Cotton and Ginny and Drifters to the elegance of Suzy Shier, Reitman's, Jack Fraser, and Gentlemen's Gentleman and the teasing lingerie of Venus, the mood was "dress-up" and "express yourself."

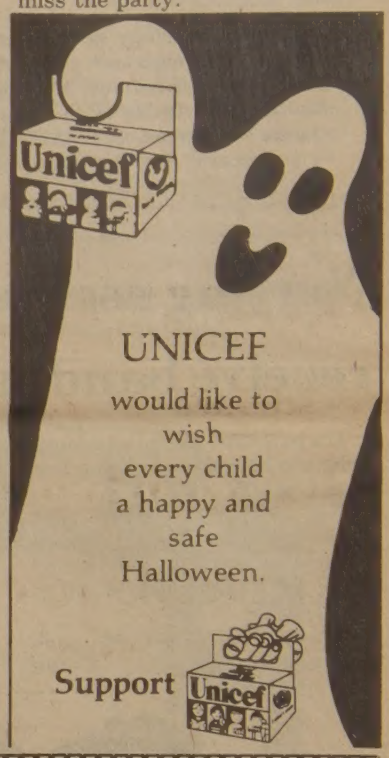
However, none was more adept at this than Lisa Marcelli, the petite brunette — not blonde — Madonna who was instrumental in making it a show with some element of a story.

In the all-too-familiar tale of youthful bliss, she met a man, fell in love, had a fight, and broke-up. Eventually, they made up after Prince Charming saved the day.This time the old adage holds true:"Diamonds are a girl's best friend." Now affianced she showed off to her friends. In the end she got married.

The same, old story — cut and dried? Producers Kim and Paul, however, were not to be outdone. In a twist in the tale, the joyous bride bounced onstage in a chic but alluring black dress complete with a black and white bouquet.

In a black-tie ceremony beneath a black and white ballooned canopy, the knot was tied by a dour priest. After the rites, there was no need asking, "Where's the party?" It was onstage with 32 models and dancers Kyle Bingley and George Grenier against a backdrop of fog and dimmed lights created by Central Lighting.

As the final light went out, the smiling producers could not withhold their joy. "We're very happy, very impressed. Most definitely a success," they uttered in unison and they were not alone. "I think it is a fantastic show" and one that is definitely comparable to any done by professionals, Brian Kroll, manager of Jack Fraser, said. "A fantastic job." Too bad Madonna had to miss the party.



20th anniversary

First male joins dental program

This year, the Dental Assistant program is celebrating its 20th anniversary. For the first time a male student has joined the traditionally female-dominated training sessions.

Dr. Edward Henderson, dental consultant and part-time faculty member, of the Dental Assistant program, said he remembers the early years of the program.

Dr. Henderson began as a dental consultant on the Health Sciences Advisory Committee in 1967. He was instrumental in setting up the Dental Assistant program, which began in 1970.

"We started with 24 students and one dental chair. We had two rooms in the Voyageur Building, one we used as the lab and the other as a classroom," Mr. Henderson said. "We blocked off part of one room to use as a dark room."

Bonda Misner, dental hygienist and the first co-ordinator of the Dental Assistant program, along with Dr. Henderson, was the only staff member until 1973. Enrolment increased to 48 students and it was necessary to have two classes, requiring additional staff.

In 1976 a Dental Hygiene program began and ran until 1988. "It was temporarily suspended due to the high cost of operating the program," Dr. Henderson said. "Notice that I said temporarily. We are doing everything possible to have it reinstated."

The Dental Assistant Program moved its facilities to the Simcoe Building about 1976, and has operated with three full-time and three part-time staff, and conducted two classes daily since that time.

"We have restoration clinics for the first three months of the second semester," Dr. Henderson said. "This gives students hands-on experience." The equipment is up-to-date and eight of the 12 chairs are used on clinic days, when four dentists from the community are hired.

The Dental Assistant program is of one-year duration. Graduates receive a certificate in dental assistance, granted from the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistant Association.

"We've come a long way in the last 20 years," Mr. Henderson said.

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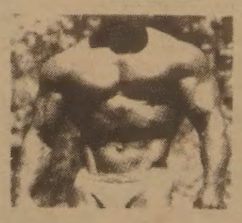

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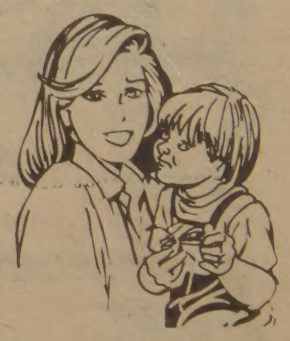

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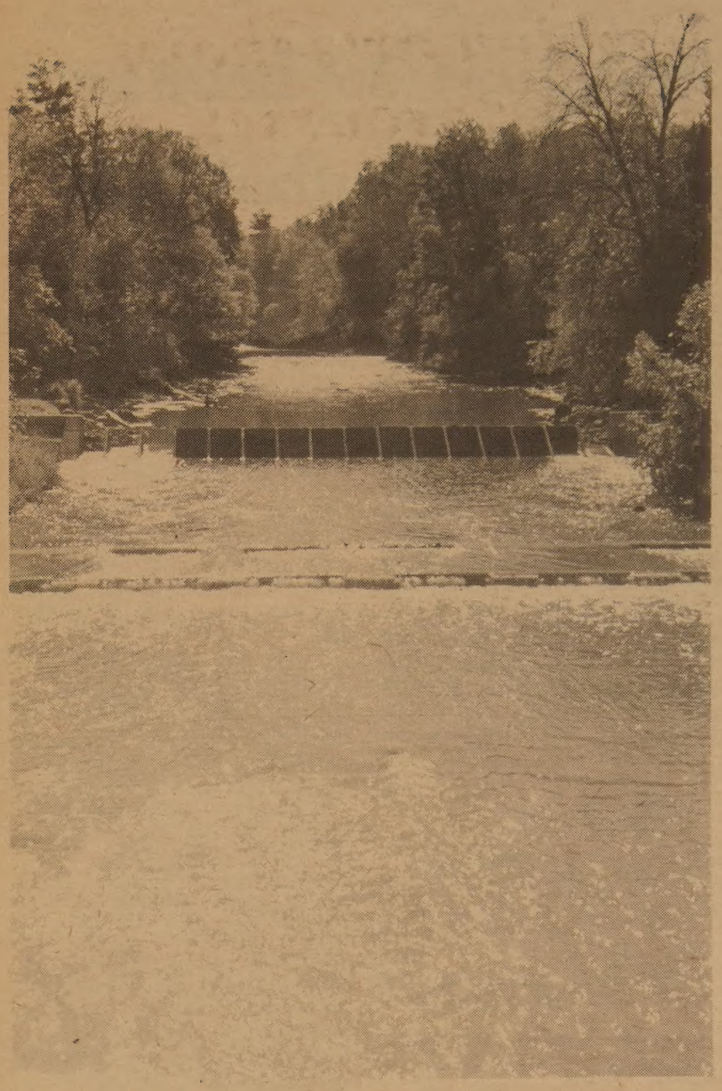


Serene October scene

The serene waters of Ball's Falls shine in the warm October sun before plummeting over the falls a mere 100 yards downstream.

Photo by Robert A. Finlay

Pesticides

Horticulture industry fears toxic chemicals

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

The use of pesticides is the major concern of the Horticultural Industry today, Tom Ball, new co-ordinator of the Horticultural Centre, said.

"Our industry is a major user of toxic chemicals and we are being challenged to come up with something different," he said. "Part of the solution lies in educating the public to accept a certain level of pests."

Growers have to use dangerous toxic chemicals to keep white flies off the poinsettas that decorate homes at Christmas.

GREAT STRIDES

However, great strides have been made in the greenhouse industry in the last five to 10 years to reduce the use of toxic chemicals through the use of perdacious insects to combat pests, Mr. Ball said. Horticulturalists use ladybugs to control aphids and other perdacious insects to control spider mites and white flies.

Mr. Ball, appointed co-ordinator of the Horticultural Centre this summer, is a committed environmentalist. He is a member of the Wainfleet and Welland Waste Management Public Action Committee, a committee dedicated to raising public awareness about alternatives to dumping wastes into land-fill sites. He said he is concerned about the legacy people are leaving their children and he said he believes strongly that if people are not part of the solution, they are part of the problem.

Mr. Ball's love for gardens is a natural outcome from growing up on a farm in Thorold. After graduating from high school, he worked for 1½ years as a mechanic and then decided to register in the Horticultural Technician Program at Niagara College. He graduated in 1970 and was hired in 1972 as a technician at the Horticultural Centre. He has been teaching at the centre for the past 12 years.

"There are lots of jobs available in the Horticulture Industry," Mr. Ball said. This past spring, there were three jobs for every student who graduated.

"In fact," he said, "the industry is suffering right now from lack of qualified personnel to fill their needs."

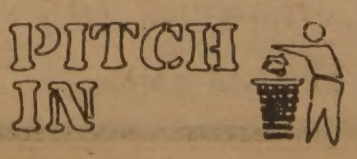
ATTITUDE, LOVE

A good horticulturist requires the right attitude towards work and plants, Mr. Ball said. A love of plants and appreciation of nature is an obvious asset.

"And since plants take time to grow, patience is helpful."

Adaptability is a must, since horticulture is not a black and white industry.

Some horticultural technicians have a natural talent for design and do well in floral or landscape design. Others prefer to install designs and build landscapes. All facets of the industry are important since they complement each other, Mr. Ball said. Designers need technicians who enjoy growing the flowers.



Contacts made in windy city

Seven hybrid microelectronic students, attending a five-day conference in Chicago Oct. 13-17, made useful contacts and promoted the college's program Steve Fehr, student chapter president, said.

Niagara boasts the only college student chapter of the International Society of Microelectronics, ISHM, in Canada.

The five-day Winds of Change conference had over 400 companies exhibiting, 150 technical presenters, 14 short field-related courses and workshops.

"Microelectronics is invading every aspect of life," Richard Furbaker, instructor of hybrid microelectronics here, said.

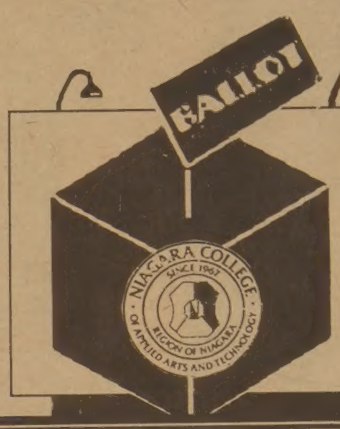
Microelectronics is the making of mini electronic circuits, some the size of pinheads. The circuits are used in hearing aids, microwaves and a number of other consumer products, Steve said.

"Microelectronics is a big field," Mr. Furbacher said. Making the systems smaller also makes them cheaper, smarter and more complex. It can make intelligent equipment at a low cost, he said.

The student chapter's purpose is to promote the advancement of, and education in, hybrid microelectronics and related disciplines. The Niagara chapter has attended the symposiums since 1971. Last year, the chapter won second prize. It won first prize in 1986, Steve said. This year's prize was won by Auburn University in Alabama, whose project was funded by NASA.

Niagara's projects are made here and used to promote the college's work and equipment. The better the display, the better the chance of getting a job later, Mr. Furbacher said.

Some years the college has 100 per cent placement, he said. That may change due to economic conditions.



ELECTIONS FOR INTERNAL GOVERNORS

This year, Niagara College will be electing two internal members of the **Board of Governors**, representing **Support Staff** and **Students**, to take office January 1, 1991 for the following terms:

SUPPORT STAFF - JANUARY 1, 1991 TO AUGUST 31, 1993
STUDENT - JANUARY 1, 1991 TO AUGUST 31, 1991

Those eligible to vote are:

- FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYED AT NIAGARA COLLEGE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1990
- FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1990
- ADULT TRAINING STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1990

Nominations will take place **November 1** to **November 14**, 1990, inclusive. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available at the balloting stations shown below as well as the office of the Executive Secretary to the Board. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

- WELLAND CAMPUS
  - CO-OP AND PLACEMENT, TECUMSEH CENTRE EXTENSION
  - ME-103 - COUNSELLING
  - M-7
  - S-210-C
  - H-21
  - H-3 (OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD)
- HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM CENTRE, NIAGARA FALLS
- HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES
- MACK NURSING EDUCATION CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES - CURRICULUM ROOM
- MOUNT CARMEL, NIAGARA FALLS
- ST. CATHARINES CAMPUS - MAIN OFFICE

Campaigning will take place November 15 to November 28, 1990, inclusive. **Ballot boxes will be available November 29, 1990** with votes counted on November 30. Strict confidentiality will be maintained using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. On the specified day, the ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of the returning officer and the return envelopes stating the name, employee group and signature will be matched against and recorded on the appropriate voter listing to ensure one vote per elector. The outer return envelope will then be separated from the ballot envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot and the ballot envelope will be returned to the ballot box pending the count of the ballots. After all return envelopes have been checked against the voters' lists and any disputes with respect to voter eligibility have been resolved, the ballot boxes will be reopened and the count commenced. The returning officer will rule on the eligibility of any ballot disputed due to improper marking.

Support Staff ballot packages will be distributed through the internal mail system. Student ballot packages will be available at the above locations on November 29. Voters may deposit their ballots in the boxes provided at the balloting stations between the hours of **10:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** on Election Day; **Continuing Education Students** registered in a program leading to a diploma or certificate will be able to vote between the hours of **6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** in the Continuing Education office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus or the second floor office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballots may also be delivered to the office of the Executive Secretary to the Board (H-3).

Voters' lists will be available for checking from November 16-21 at the above locations. In order to vote, your name must be on the voters' list. The last day for revisions to the voters' list is November 21.

Keep an eye on bulletin boards for further notices regarding the elections.

John T. Saso, President

Sports

A Niagara Knight player pummels a Buff State Bengal behind Buff State's net Saturday night.

The Bengals were crushed by the Knights, 13-5. Photo by Dave Johnson

Niagara blasts Buffalo with resounding win

The Niagara Knights pounded the Buffalo State Bengals 13-5 Saturday night at the Welland arena, in a game full of penalties.

The Knights opened the game on a goal by team captain James Ward, during the first minute.

From this point, the Knights totally dominated the Bengals. The team scored four more goals in the first period alone. The Bengals finally scored two goals in the last six minutes of the period. Both teams collected penalties, the Knights with three and the Bengals, two.

The coach of Buff State changed his goalie at 12:49 of the second period after the Knights scored four more goals. The new goalie for Buff State had only one goal scored against him, but he was penalized late in the period. One penalty against each team was called.

In the third period, the Knights collected six penalties. This period also saw the third change of goalies for the Knights.

Buff State scored their final goal this period and also collected three penalties. Two fights, of little consequence, erupted.

Niagara's goal scorers were: Lance Parcher with four, Jeff Mazi, three, Corwin Coady, two, Simon Wayda, two, Kevin Hedden, one and James Ward, one.

To date the Knights have lost to Sheridan College, tied with the University of Buffalo and beat the Buff State Bengals.

Devil night hijinks old tradition

Reports of mischief on the night before Halloween have been reported as far back as the 1800s.

An 1880s newspaper reported that on Halloween, vengeful children who did not like certain adults would tear down gates, fences, mailboxes, and streetlamps. Others would bombard doors with cabbage and turnips, smash bottles, or fill chimneys with turf.

Music Man visits

Garden City Productions will present The Music Man Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Brock University. Proceeds from the performance will go to Women's Place in St. Catharines. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for students and seniors. Tickets may be obtained by calling 688-5550 ext. 325.

Survey supports trade program

A positive result from area employers will help form the planned International Trade program. Surveys, sent out during the summer, have been returned and the results tallied.

Of those who responded, "51 per cent would like to send employees for specialized training in these fields," John Ogryzlo, manager of planning, research and development, said.

"That provides a good solid foundation for either offering programs in the evenings or in a seminar format," he said.

As part of a cross-border educational agreement with Niagara County Community College, the trade program would provide a unique bi-country perspective for students.

Dave Taylor, marketing management instructor, has been with the program since its inception and sees it as beneficial to both schools. "They have various programs we don't have and we have programs they don't have."

The course will be offered to those who are already in the business.

"Because international trade is a specialized area, it probably wouldn't be conducive to people coming direct from high school," he said. "It will be offered to people who already have some background in business, people coming from other universities or colleges, ... people from this college who want to take an extra offering or people who are out in the workforce already who want to come back and upgrade their skills in anticipation of their company getting into international trade."

Of the 400 surveys mailed, 290 were returned, a response rate of 72.5 per cent. Mr. Ogryzlo called the response "excellent" and said it "provides for very reliable results."

The survey looked at how these companies were involved in trade and asked what subjects should be taught. The findings, in the employer's order of importance, asked that courses be established that teach about customs brokerage, marketing and sales, distribution and transportation of goods and foreign customs and practices.

Other findings show that 74 per cent of employers anticipate growth and, of these, 44 per cent of them would hire a graduate of an international trade program.

"I think we're going to a global economy and lot of employers recognize that," Mr. Ogryzlo said.

As the results of the survey are studied the courses will be developed to meet the need of the employer and a curriculum will be set.

Knights take bronze in touch football win

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights came back strong to take the bronze after being hammered by the St. Lawrence Vikings in touch football championship last weekend. But after being out for 15 years, it was just like gold.

In the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association finals at Mohawk College, the Vikings were tops, followed by the host team and the Knights third.

In the first game, the Vikings used experience, balance, speed and an excellent quarterback to trounce the Knights. St. Lawrence got off to an early lead and dominated the game to the finish. At half-time, the Knights were trailing 6-13.

Going into the third quarter, they gave up hope and the Vikings blew them out with a final score of 40-12.

"We were into it for a while then they just got ahead," Jack Eldridge, offensive captain said. "We gave it an honest effort."

GOOD TEAM

"I think we were beaten by a better team," coach Pete Rylander said. "They are the best team we have played. They have the best quarterback in the whole tournament. They have three very fast receivers and they are a good team."

But defensive captain Darren Sawyer said it might have been some nervousness on the part of the team. The Niagara Knights were making a comeback after a 15-year absence from OCAA touch football. The all-rookie team went up against one whose roster included two rookies and the veterans of many city leagues. Most of the Vikings played together last year.

Though the Knights' pride was hurt, they were only down and not out. As St. Lawrence went further afield to challenge the defending champions Mohawk for the 1990 title, Niagara looked to take on Loyalist for the final berth.

From the first whistle, it was Niagara all the way with newfound high spirit and a sudden burst of energy. An early touchdown by quarterback Glen Farnan put the Knights up 6-0.

NO LET UP

This time there was no let up in a strong man-to-man defence put on by Niagara and the Lancers failed to score a point in the first half.

Coach Rylander was not satisfied. For the second half, he stressed short passes and told his players not to go for the Lancer quarterback's first fakes but pay closer attention to other players.

And the good times were really rolling; all good things could be said of the Niagara men: great short passes, tough defence and impressive completions. The Lancers were trying in vain to get a foothold but a terrific game-winning pass by quarterback Steve Boomhou was stopped short with a brilliant interception by Ron, "the Bomber," Bonaldo. A touchdown by Darren Sawyer in the dying moments sealed their fate. At the end it was Niagara winning 18-7.

"We came together as a whole," Captain Jack Eldridge said. "The team defence came out well rather than any one player," defence captain Darren added. Quarterback Glen praised the receivers but saw the defence as the winning force. "Our success is attributed to the coaching," he said. "The first in 15 years and we're here," the overjoyed coached said.

They came home with only bronze but the brave men of the Niagara Knights touch football team could well have been the gold medallists. They played their best and executed well, however, the better team prevailed. The Knights vow they will be back — not for the shiny metal, but the real one: gold.

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The dinner will be served Nov. 24 at the Greek Canadian Community Centre, 2349 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls.

The entire night is the work of the students.

"We plan the event ourselves and do all the cooking and serving," Catherine Devay said. As one of the students in charge of public relations, Catherine is responsible for letting people know about the dinner and obtaining door prizes. Prizes will include weekend accommodations at the Skyline Foxhead hotel or a 20-piece flatware set from Oneida Canada Ltd.,

Music will be by the City Band.

Tickets are $30 per person. For tickets or information call: Beverley Williams, 374-7454, ext. 602; Catherine Devay, 356-6363, or Peter Van Helsdingen, 374-1282. Tickets can be obtained at the SAC office on the Welland campus.

Fall splendor

A group of seniors walk away from looking over the wall at Balls Falls. The Falls is a great place to be during the fall season. This shot was taken right at the very edge of the precipice by a daring photographer.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Generations intermingle on two visits

In an effort to initiate an intergenerational program, three seniors from Sunset Haven visited the Niagara College Early Childhood Centre Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Kerry Shedden, second-year Early Childhood Education student, said, "I thought it would be interesting to mix generations. It makes the seniors feel useful again." She noticed children today are afraid of senior citizens.

Helen Aulph, 77, said she really enjoyed her time with the children. "They come in all sizes, you know," she said.

Gisela Scheffer, 84, said she enjoyed watching the children play and listening to them sing.

Hilda Jones, 95, enjoys playing the piano and teaching fitness classes in her spare time at Sunset Haven. She had a good time and enjoyed being with the children, she said.

The senior, after a tour of the facilities, enjoyed peanut butter cookies made by the children.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24 the children paid a reciprocal visit to Sunset Haven to participate in activities planned by the senior citizens for them.

Women's Place sponsors antique show

An antique and craft show and sale will be held tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Eastdale Secondary School, Wellington Street, Welland.

The show is sponsored by the Welland and District Volunteer Auxiliary of Women's Place.

Women's Place is a safe house for abused women and their children.

There will be over 50 selected exhibitors. Admission is $2. Children under 12 are admitted free.

New Mack mini-cafe to offer nutritious food

Students at the Mack Centre may soon have their own mini-cafe.

A restaurant representative will come to the campus on Nov. 5 to discuss the catering plan with the students, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

The campus did have a vending machine for sandwiches, fruit and milk. The machine was removed as Versa was losing money on it, Miss Cunningham said. Versa gave permission for the campus to hire another catering firm, provided the food offered is not identical to that which Versa offers.

If the firm is hired, it will be for a trial basis, Miss Cunningham said. She said the students have requested "nutritious foods." The firm will offer special soups and sandwiches and a variety of salads. The food will have no preservatives and be low in calories and cholesterol.

Poor turnout

Environmental group battling apathy too

Combating apathy may present as great a problem as battling pollution for Niagara College's new environmental committee. Eight people attended the inaugural meeting Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Poor advertising and a sudden room change may have contributed to the lack of enthusiasm shown by the general population of the college.

Basia Krzyzanowski, study coordinator for the Wainfleet-Welland Waste Management Master Plan, spoke to the "micro-majority" on ways in which the committee could create public awareness needed to combat pollution.

"You are the people that can make things happen," she said.

She spoke of possible ventures, such as a lug-a-mug program, to get the faculty and students involved. Under such a program students and staff would bring their own coffee mugs to school. A system of incentives for all those who participate was discussed. She suggested that by making endeavors "fun", more people might want to get involved.

While the committee has no set strategy on fighting the college's pollution problems, last Tuesday's meeting was an open forum of ideas. Miss Krzyzanowski said the committee's direction would come from within.

She said the committee should start with tackling problems that are manageable, such as fine paper recycling. This way, success would be readily accessible. She emphasised a small group of people, such as students, with no political pressures, can be more radical when it comes to dealing with ecological issues.

"Students are in a situation of learning, even through their mistakes," she said. A committee, such as this, can be a learning experience. Even though she heads her own waste management committee, Miss Krzyzanowski said she would like to contribute her ideas at future meetings.

The date of the next meeting is unknown. A memo — the Niagara Greensheet — will be posted to give students and staff a list of the committee's plans.

Ron Haughton, director of plant and property services, said the leg work is done. "All we have to do is finalize the plans before we put them into action.

Anyone with an interest in the environment is welcome to the next meeting. Details are to be announced.

Condoms, videos raise awareness at AIDS session

Blushing students walked Welland campus' halls Oct. 16, many brandishing condoms acquired from an AIDS information session by Health Services and Lynda Zavitz, a registered nurse with the public health department, for AIDS Awareness Week, Oct. 15-21.

Over 200 students participated in the session filling out questionnaires and watching two videos. One video chronicled the true story of a college student, in her first year, contracting AIDS from her first sexual encounter. The other, by the winners of a rap contest held in Toronto last year, provided a musical message on ways to prevent contracting the HIV virus, which later develops into AIDS. These included using a condom and not sharing needles.

St. Catharines campus drew 56 people to a more formal presentation by Mrs. Zavitz on Oct. 24.

Nursing caps discriminatory

If the question of male nursing students wearing caps becomes a major issue, a referendum will be held at Mack Campus.

The cap issue was raised at a recent general assembly, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said. Female nursing students wear white caps. As they pass through each phase of their education, the female students receive different colored bands for their caps. Male students wear the bands on their left shoulder epaulet.

The question has been raised that this difference is a form of discrimination.

"Our point of view is it is not discrimination," Miss Cunningham said.

The public's perception of a nurse has traditionally been the image of the starched white uniform and the equally starched white cap, Miss Cunningham said. With hospitals relaxing dress codes, this image is fast becoming a thing of the past.

The cap issue has been left to the students to decide.

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Hummingbirds in Niagara

By RICH DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

So many cliches come to mind: the Niagara Parks' Greenhouse is "humming" with activity. Things are abuzz in Niagara. A flight of fancy takes over the greenhouse. It could go on and on.

The source of these flighty cliches are the Peruvian hummingbirds that reside in the Parks' greenhouse. Started as an experiment this summer, the birds have proven to be a popular addition to this perennial attraction.

The man behind it is John Petrella, 30, a wildlife artist and naturalist. "Originally I wanted to import them for my own pleasure. I have a greenhouse at home and I thought incorporating hummingbirds was a pretty good idea.

It was a popular idea. Mr. Petrella soon found that friends and fellow artists wanted to visit his greenhouse to see the birds. That's when he got the idea of putting birds in the Niagara Parks' Greenhouse. With Peter McBurney he has established an attraction that may be unique to North America.

A Peruvian hummingbird hovers next to a nectar filled feeder. The tiny bird is one of 30 currently residing in the Niagara Parks Greenhouse.

Photo by Richard Douglas

Awareness

Mr. Petrella hopes he will "raise some kind of awareness of hummingbirds and the South American rain forests being destroyed." With their natural habitat being cut down, Mr. Petrella said one day this may be the only place people can view the birds in a natural setting.

Mr. Petrella spent several months researching hummingbirds and the ways to bring them into the country. It was a complex procedure that involved a myriad of forms and a quarantine for the birds in the United States. He had to sell the idea to the Parks Commission.

"They always loved the concept."

At $500 a piece, the birds are not only expensive to buy, they are costly to keep. They eat nectar imported from West Germany that is specially made to give them the nutrients they need to maintain their speedy metabolisms. The greenhouse has begun to raise fruit flies to further expand the birds' diets.

The birds have adapted to their new surroundings quickly.

Problems

"This is like home for them."

That's not to say there haven't been problems though. The greenhouse started with 50 birds and only 30 birds remain. Several of them escaped through holes in nets that were supposed to cover open windows.

The other problem, though not serious, is the birds themselves.

"They've got to be the most territorial birds alive. (They are) always fighting and competing for food. One bird will take control of one or two feeders (and they will) starve each other out."

To solve this problem, Mr. Petrella has installed many feeders which should even the odds.

The greenhouse has seven different species ranging in size. The smallest is no longer than two inches while the largest is slightly smaller than a small sparrow.

"I've had various types of animals as pets. But this is the ultimate bird experience."

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can hover or fly in any direction, including flying upside down.

"At night they go into a state of hibernation called torpor where their bodies' mechanisms shut off." While in flight, the tiny bird's heart will beat about 1,260 times a minute. In the torpor state, the heart rate drops to 50 beats a minute. This form of nightly suspended animation can last up to 12 hours a night and allows the birds' speedy metabolism a chance to rest.

Mr. Petrella hopes to travel to South America next year to visit the birds' native habitat. There he will investigate other species, talk to a supplier and continue his growing interest in the small bird.

Any visit to the greenhouse will show the public's response to this unique attraction. Young and old smile and laugh as the hummingbirds zip overhead proving that these popular birds are no featherweights.

Technology unbelievable

Viewing paediatrics in a teaching hospital was one highlight for nine third-year Mack nursing students who toured Toronto's Hospital for Sick Kids on Oct. 5, Marilyn Quinn, their instructor said.

The patients at Sick Kids have problems that are often not seen in the hospitals in this area Mrs. Quinn said. Some of the patients have been living in the hospital for years. Toronto's Sick Kids is designed to deal with more complicated problems than most hospitals.

The Mack students toured the operating rooms, regular wards, chronic wards, and neo-natal intensive care unit. The neo-natal unit is for babies born prematurely or underweight.

"They all loved that area," Mrs. Quinn said.

The students were shown rooms equipped with bedside computers used to record the patient's vital signs, cutting down on time spent writing charts. The time saved can be used to talk to the child, calming his fears. Hospitals in the Niagara Region do not have such a system on the paediatric wards so the nurses must spend much of their time writing charts. Niagara hospitals also do not have the experts or the technology required to handle some of the more complicated problems.

"Technology is unbelievable," Mrs. Quinn said.

Two other colleges, Cambrian and George Brown, toured the hospital. Mrs. Quinn said these tours work two ways; the students can see what is expected to nurse at the hospital and the hospital can promote itself as a possible future employer for the students.

Mack students toured the hospital three years ago. Mrs. Quinn hopes to see the tours become an on-going part of the nursing program.

Flu shots available

The flu season has arrived.

Students and staff can contact the Health Centre, Lundy 20, or ext. 635 to arrange an appointment to receive the flu vaccine from Dr. Joanne Deveaux.

Asthmatics, diabetics and those with heart conditions are entitled to the shot free of charge. They are considered high risk patients.

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